

Proposed Project Options for Feasibility Studies

At the Joint Select Board Meeting on Dec 8, 2025 (with the School Committee, Advisory Committee & CIPC) the board voted to draft Articles for a Special Town Meeting in March that would ask voters to fund studies to vet feasibility and/or costs of at least one of the following projects.

Voters will get a chance to choose all three, or just one or two of them. The board is in process of getting estimates for the cost of the studies.

Proposed Project	Grade alignment & building impacts	Complications & Challenges	Option in PK-8 School Building Committee's Report, Matrix & Docs
Full renovation of Neary School (on current foundation) <i>(includes ADA upgrades, sprinkler system, etc.)</i>	Keeps current grade alignments: Finn PreK-1, Woodward 2-3, Neary 4-5, and Trottier 6-8	Some residents have expressed concerns about it being downhill from former landfill. Renovation costs need to include dealing with asbestos. Some officials worry that a major renovation would be more expensive than building a new school. Requires continuing to pay for excess building capacity and expenses related to running four schools.	E
Finn School Expansion <i>(adding two grades)</i>	Finn PreK-3, Woodward 4-5, Trottier 6-8; Neary closed as a school	A "parkland" Conservation Restriction on recreational area of Finn campus could be too restrictive to allow the build out. The Select Board needs to determine if they can resolve that through a "legislative" solution.	D
Small additions to Finn School & Trottier Middle School <i>(adding 1 grade at each)</i>	Finn PreK-2, Woodward 3-4, and Trottier 5-8; Neary closed as a school	Issues with Trottier's septic capacity limits and perk issues, and conservation/environmental issues (due to a perennial stream and wetland). Plus, some have voiced concerns that it may be inappropriate to have 5th graders at the middle school.	B2